

POULTRY

In 2003, Minnesota turkey growers ranked first in turkeys raised and in pounds produced. Minnesota raised 45.0 million turkeys, 2 percent above 2002. The total liveweight of turkeys produced was 1.22 billion pounds, up 6 percent from the previous year. The average price received for turkeys in 2003 was 35 cents per pound, down 1 cent from 2002. The value of the state's turkey production in 2003 was up 3 percent to \$425.3 million.

During 2003, hatcheries in the West North Central Region (which includes the states of Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Minnesota) placed 108.1 million turkey poults, down slightly from 2002.

Minnesota's total chicken inventory (excluding broilers) on December 1, 2003, was down 3 percent from the previous year at 14.6 million birds. The state's egg production in 2003 was 2.96 billion eggs, down 6 percent from 2002. The value of eggs produced was up 38 percent in 2003 to \$146.4 million. The all-egg price increased to 59.3 cents per dozen. The annual average number of layers on farms was down 6 percent at 11.2 million.

In 2003, the number of broilers produced was up 1 percent to 44.8 million. From 2002 to 2003, value of production increased 13 percent to \$77.7 million in 2003. These poultry estimates are based on survey data reported by producers, hatcheries, and processing plants.



**TURKEY PRODUCTION
MINNESOTA, 1990-2003**

